Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, South Dakota

13 cases of Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome in South Dakota, 1987-2007.

• **Deaths**: 4 (31%)

Age: median 26 years (range 10-76 years)

Gender: Male 85%, Female 15%.

• Race: White 92%, Americian Indian 8%.

Mice are carriers of Hantavirus. The best way to prevent mouse infestation and contact with mice is to remove the food sources, water, and items that provide shelter.

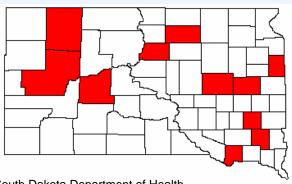
- •Seal up holes inside and outside the home to keep rodents out.
- •Trap mice around the home to help reduce the population.
- •Take precautions before and while cleaning mouse-infested areas.

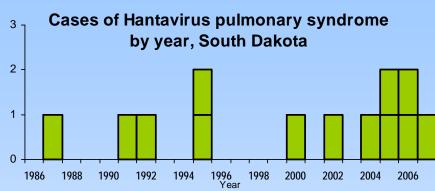
For detailed information on Hantavirus prevention please go to www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5109.pdf

Facts about Hantavirus (brochure):

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/spb/mnpages/HPS Brochure.pdf

Counties reporting human residents with Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, 1987-2007.



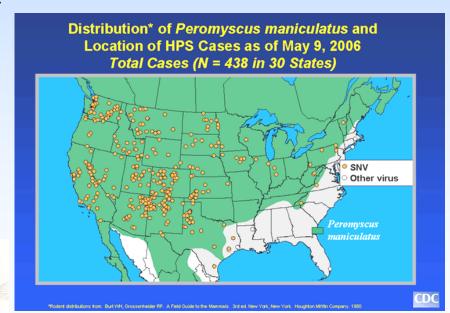


More information on Hantavirus illness, prevention and control

SD Department of Health phone 800-592-1861

SD Department of Health: doh.sd.gov/hantavirus

CDC Hanta: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hanta/hps



Deer Mice (Peromyscus maniculatus) and White-Footed Mice, carriers of Hantavirus, are commonly found in South Dakota. See www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hanta/hps/noframes/rodents.htm

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